

# LGBTQIA HEALTH!

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# Case Study Example

Patient, 1 yr old

Ambiguous  
genitalia

Healthy

Doctor recommends  
**genital surgery**

“Child will grow up to  
feel uncomfortable  
with their body  
without the surgery”

To “reduce the  
risk of cancer”

“Child will grow up  
resenting parents if  
they didn’t approve  
the surgery”

# Questions

1. What are the **more objective** elements of this case?
2. What is the recommended plan of action? **Do you think this is the right move? Why or why not?**
3. Discuss these 3 crucial **decision-making points** and how things could go one way or the other:
  - i. Is it necessary?
  - ii. Is it urgent? Consider the ethical issue of consent...
  - iii. Is the doctor relaying true/accessible information?
4. Diving deeper: What is the **root** of issue? What is the **clear goal** compared to the **hidden goal**?

# A principled ethical approach to intersex paediatric surgeries

<https://bmcmethics.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12910-020-00550-x>

- Surgery performed if **beneficial** (+ not harmful), and **medical necessity**
- Surgery **delayed** until intersex person is mature enough to **consent** to treatment or **decide against it**
- Medical providers should tell the **truth** and **educate** parents in accessible ways

# Case Studies #1, 2, 3 -- in groups!




# Using Language

Incorrect—	Correct—
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✗ He is <del>a</del> transgender</li><li>✗ He is transgendered</li></ul> <p><i>"Transgender" is an adjective. Using it as a noun or verb is not only grammatically incorrect but also dehumanizing, or implies something has happened to us trans which is false.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ He is <u>transgender</u></li><li>✓ He is a transgender <u>man</u></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✗ He <u>transgendered</u> last year</li></ul>	✓ He <u>transitioned</u> last year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✗ He <u>changed genders</u></li></ul> <p><i>I didn't change my gender. I changed my presentation. I've always been myself—a boy, a man. I just haven't always had the words or resources or confidence to explain that.</i></p>	✓ He <u>transitioned</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✗ He was <u>born a girl</u></li><li>✗ When he was <u>a girl</u></li><li>✗ Before he <u>became a boy</u></li></ul> <p><i>These imply I was once a girl. But I never was truly a girl. Though I may have "looked like" or presented as a girl, I have always been me; a boy, a man. Even when I couldn't explain that. For me, this extends to "FTM" as well. When relevant, I prefer to say I was "assigned female at birth, and identify as male," instead.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ He was <u>assigned female at birth</u></li><li>✓ When he <u>presented as a woman</u> OR</li><li>✓ When he was <u>perceived as a woman</u></li></ul> <p><i>The difference between these two is that the former implies the trans person intended to present as a woman, whereas in the latter, it's just about others' perception.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✗ Being trans means you're gay.</li></ul>	✓ <b>Gender identity and sexual orientation are not the same</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✗ Did you get <i>the</i> surgery?</li></ul>	✓ <b>Don't ask about surgeries and/or private parts unless a person explicitly invites that conversation!</b>



# What is the difference between these words?



Woman vs. female



“Women and femmes”





“Women and nonbinary people”




“We’re looking for proposals from women and non-binary people”

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“We’re looking for proposals from creators with underrepresented genders. This includes cis women, trans women, trans men, non-binary people, and those who are otherwise marginalized.”



If your initiative is solely for **women**, be clear that this includes **trans women**. If your initiative is for **all marginalized genders**, be clear that everyone is welcome including **non-binary people, trans men, and those who may be questioning their gender**.

# We have two more classes!!!!!!!

- Ideas for activities or topics we should do?
- Final assignment